

Resolution Number 353

WHEREAS, on April 11, 1968, Congress passed the Fair Housing Act which prohibits discrimination in the sale and rental of housing within limitations set forth in the Constitution of the United States, regardless of ownership or management, where such action is based on race, color, national origin, and religion; and

WHEREAS, the Fair Housing Act was amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to include prohibition against discrimination based on sex, and, subsequently amended March 13, 1989, to expand coverage to include persons with handicapping conditions as well as familial status; and

WHEREAS, on May 31, 2006, the St. Louis Board of Aldermen amended and restated the previous ordinance prohibiting discrimination in the City of St. Louis in order that the laws of the City of St. Louis be substantially equivalent with the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 67119, grants authority to the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency to enforce prohibited discriminatory practices within the City of St. Louis pursuant to the Ordinance, the Missouri Human Rights Act, Chapter 213, Missouri Revised Statutes, the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis entered into an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide for referral of fair housing complaints between HUD and the St. Louis Civil Rights Enforcement Agency monitored by the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, April 2008 marks the 40th anniversary of the enactment of the Fair Housing Act.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act prohibiting discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status and handicap and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of March, 2008 by:

Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 14th day of March, 2008 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen